

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A taste masked particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, and mixtures thereof; and b) a water insoluble, cellulosic film forming polymer selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, ethylcellulose, and mixtures thereof, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm, wherein the weight ratio of enteric polymer to water insoluble film forming polymer in the coating is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.
2. (Original) The particle of claim 1, wherein the surface of said particle is substantially free of active ingredient.
3. (Original) The particle of claim, wherein the coating is substantially free of plasticizer.
4. (Currently Amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug selected from the group consisting of ibuprofen, ketoprofen, flurbiprofen, naproxen, diclofenac, rofecoxib, celecoxib, aspirin, pharmaceutically acceptable salts and metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The particle of claim 1 further comprising a non-enteric, water soluble polymer.
8. (Original) The particle of claim 1 further comprising a surfactant.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) A chewable tablet comprising taste masked particles, each particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, polymethacrylate-based polymers, and mixtures thereof; and b) a water insoluble, cellulosic film forming polymer selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, ethylcellulose, poly(ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride), and mixtures thereof, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm, wherein the weight ratio of enteric polymer to water insoluble film forming polymer in the coating is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.
12. (Original) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the surfaces of the particles are substantially free of active ingredient.
13. (Original) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the coating is substantially free of plasticizer.
14. (Currently Amended). The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug selected from the group consisting of ibuprofen, ketoprofen, flurbiprofen, naproxen, diclofenac, rofecoxib, celecoxib, aspirin, pharmaceutically acceptable salts and metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, and cellulose acetate phthalate, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the water insoluble, cellulosic film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, and ethylcellulose, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein said coating further comprises an ingredient selected from the group consisting of non-enteric, water soluble polymers and surfactants.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of taste masking particles comprising an active ingredient, which comprises applying a continuous polymeric coating over said particles, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinylacetate phthalate, polymethacrylate-based polymers, and mixtures thereof; and b) a water insoluble, cellulosic film forming polymer selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, ethylcellulose, poly(ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride), and mixtures thereof, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm, wherein the weight ratio of enteric polymer to water insoluble film forming polymer in the coating is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the coating is substantially free of plasticizer.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug selected from the group consisting of ibuprofen, ketoprofen, flurbiprofen, naproxen, diclofenac, rofecoxib, celecoxib, aspirin, pharmaceutically acceptable salts and metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, and cellulose acetate phthalate, and mixtures thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the water insoluble, cellulosic film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, and ethylcellulose, and mixtures thereof.

25. (cancelled)

26. (New) A taste masked particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate phthalate, and mixtures thereof; and b) a cellulose acetate, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm.

27. (New) The particle of claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is ibuprofen.